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SUBJ: GHANA BANS OUTGOING CHARTER FLIGHTS UNLESS OPERATED  
BY NEW GOG ENTITY

CASABLANCE FOR RCAA

1. BEGIN UNLCASSIFIED. COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AND  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COL.P.K. AGYEKUM ANNUNCE AT FEB. 26  
PRESS CONFERENCE THAT PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS CAN NO LONGER  
ORGANIZE CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM GHANA "WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT."  
BLAMING CHARER ABUSES, AGYEKUM SAID HENCEFORTH CHARTERS CAN  
ONLY BE ORGANIZED BY A JOINT BODY TO BE FORMED BY GHANA  
AIRTOURS (SUBSIDIARY OF GHANA AIRWAYS) AND TOURIST CONTROL  
BOARD. FULL STATEMENT PROMISED LATER.

2. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF MINISTRY, MENSAH, TOLD EMBOFF  
FEB. 27 THAT THIS AFFECTED ONLY CHARTERS FROM GHANA; THOSE  
FROM ELSEWHERE CAN CONTINUE AS BEFORE. HE RESPONDED TO  
INQUIRY BY SAYING NO TEXT OF COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENT  
AVAILABLE, AND WOULD GIVE DATE OF EXPECTED ANNOUNCEMENT  
ONLY AS "SOON." END UNLCASSIFIED, BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL  
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3. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENT, WHICH  
INSERTED IN PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING OTHER MATTERS, CAUGHT  
HIS MINISTRY AS WELL AS EVERYONE ELSE BY SURPRISE, AND THAT  
DETAILS ARE YET TO BE WORKED OUT. WE MUST AWAIT CLARIFI-  
CATION IF RULES TO BE APPLIED TO CHARTERS ORIGINATING IN  
GHANA OR ORGANIZED HERE OR BOTH.

4. BRITISH HICOMMOFFICER TOLD EMBOFF THAT HMG HAD BEEN  
URGING GOG TO ADOPT ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTER (ABC) SYSTEM  
IN LIEU OF AFFINITY GROUPS AND HAD BEEN ASKING FOR  
CONSULTATIONS ON THIS. WHILE ANNOUNCEMENT SEEMINGLY  
MEETS HMG SUGGESTION, BRITISH CAUGHT AS OFF GUARD AS  
EVERYONE ELSE. THEY ARE PRIMARILY AFFECTED, AND EXPECT  
A NUMBER OF CHARTERS OVER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.  
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